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The present settlement is fair. Prolonging the litigation only increases the costs which are eventually borne by the public either by higher taxes or increased prices. We never under any circumstances get anything back or enjoy any advantage.

Federal horsepower significantly outperforms state horsepower---if the Feds are happy, the states posturing is just window dressing to impress a gullible constituency (and spend more money!).

I have been in the computer business for over 30years and have never heard anyone complain that Microsoft has taken unfair advantage on a personal basis. And obviously, the benefits have been "awesome" as my kids would say.

On a technical basis, there might be better ways of skinning a cat--but who cares?--if they have merit, they will eventually surface, and in the meantime we are enjoying a rather marvelous electronic age.

Keep the present settlement and lets get on with business.

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